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SUBJECT: LATVIAN RESPONSE ON NON-GEORGIA TOPICS FOCUSED ON
GEORGIA (GYMNICH)

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Latvian response to reftel demarche on non-Georgia topics was reserved, as they described their priorities for the Gymnich meetings as "Georgia, Georgia, and Georgia." PolEconOff delivered reftel points to Kristaps Brusbardis, European Correspondent for the MFA Policy Directorate. Brusbardis said that Latvia will push for any revisions in the EU Security Strategy to reflect threats emerging from the crisis in Georgia, including a more active role in other potential crisis areas in the post-Soviet republics. On transatlantic relations he expected Latvia's focus to remain on areas of cooperation. Regarding the Middle East Peace Process and Afghanistan, he suggested Latvia would follow EU consensus. He did not expect Serbia to be discussed at the Gymnich meeting.
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